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field's overland mail having stopped; but we had rumors innumerable.

One thing was apparent, however; up the Rio Grande, and we had only we were being deserted by our officers, about 300 white troops to meet them.

WITH CANBY AT VALVERDE, N. M. fused, but agreed to evacuate. Two companies were sent out in advance, one hour afterward two more, one hour A Fierce Little Fight in Which One after them the remaining one went out.

Company of 60 Lost 39 Men, and But

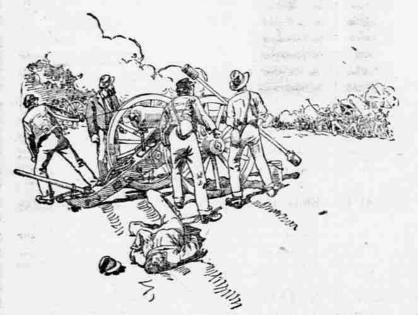
The Texans overtook them, and they

One Was Without a Bullet Mark.

Editor National Tribune: Concerning the campaign in New Mexico in 1862. I lish to give an account as I remember, especially the part taken in it by Col. anby's forces. I must first say a word can make besides." To the honor of artillery mental to their support. We lay down behind the pieces while the artillery of both sides kept up a fire for some time. At last the rebels charged us, but were repulsed. Again the C.S. A. will be given \$25 per month, a horse, saddle and bridle, and all each can make besides." To the honor of artillery men standing to the their guns. the campaign in New Mexico in 1862, I wish to give an account as I remember it, especially the part taken in it by Col. Canby's forces. I must first say a word about the condition of the Regular Army just previous to the war. The early Spring of 1861 found the 7th U.S. (to which I belonged) distributed as follows: Cos. F. C and H in Fort Craig, on the Rio Grande, 109 miles south of Albuquerque; of the remaining seven companies, four were at Fort Buchanan and three at Fort Breckinstrilege, in western Arizona. We were in slimost total ignorance of what was going on in the States, having no mail communications at that time, Butterfield's overland mail having stopped; artillerymen standing to the their guns as long as possible. We met the Texans at the muzzles of the cannon, but were overpowered by force of numbers. were overpowered by force of numbers.

I heard no orders, no shouting, no yelling. Everybody was basy fighting. We finally gave way, and found that the rest of our force had recrossed the river and were on their way to the fort.

During the fight over the guns it is said that Cal. Canby shouted. The said that Col. Camby shouted: no use; save your lives if possible, may be so, but I did not hear it. McRea was killed at his guns. (Wingste, of the 5th, while on his ed in General Orders by Col. Canny,
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THE TEXANS RUSHED OVER THE SAND HILLS TOWARD THE GUNS.

of the Mounted Rifles, who only remained a short time, when he, too, left (who had just arrived), three companies of absence, taking the Texas nies (F. C and H) of 7th U. S. under route. Col. Ruggles, 5th U. S., followed in the same way. Col. E. R. S. Canby finally became Department Commander, and he stuck. While our Department Commanders were thus partment Comminuers are some string was going serting us, the same thing was going show of force, but withdrew on the show of force, but withdrew on the show of force, but withdrew on the 20th. They appeared on the opposite side of the river. A portion of our side of the river. D), Capt. and Brevet Maj. Richard side of the river. A portion of our troops were sent across the river on Lieut, Marmaduke (Co. B), and Lieut. Wheeler, of the Dragoons. All these left at Fort Craig. Officers left from other companies of the 7th in the same THANK GOD, WE'RE SAFE proportion, so we were practically an

army without officers.

The rank and file did not know what was going on. One day, as I was wanwas going on. One day, as I was wan-dering about Fort Craig, I picked up a fragment of a letter written by the Post Surgeon of one of the forms in Arizona to the Post Surgeon of our fort, in which, after some account of news from the States, were these ds: "D-n old Abe Lincoln and his friends. H-ls too good for them. For my part, if the worst comes I'm with the South." This fragment opened my eyes, and I knew why our officers were leaving us. On July 4, 1861, while company was on the march to Albu-querque, we met Col. Sibley and escort on their way south. We halted for an hour's rest, and as we were parting Col. Sibley stuck his nead out of his ambu-lance, saying: "Boys, if you only knew it, I am the worst enemy you have."

The mystery was solved when a few months later he came back into New Mexico at the head of a force of Texan

Col. Canby in Command.

Upon Col. Canby assuming command the forts in Arizona were ordered abandoned, their garrisons concentrating at Fort Fillmore, N. M., on the Rio Grande, 10 miles north of the Texas line and 120 miles south of Fort Craig. Early in 1862 rumors were affoat that there was a force of Texans variously estimated at from 3,000 to 4,000, marching to invade New Mexico; also that there was a regiment of volunteers from Colorado coming to our assistance. A regiment of New Mexican volunteers, made up of peons and greasers, was also raised. Meanwhile the Texans came on, and encamped opposite Fort Fillmore, N. M. They were encamped there for some time, and a demand was made surrender of the fort. What follows was told me by one of comrades of the 7th who was there. Col. Lynde, commanding the fort, re-

Col. Fauntieroy, commanding the De-partment of New Mexico, on leave of they did not amount to a "row of pins," absence, went south into Texas. He The garrison of Fort Craig consisted of was succeeded by Col. W. W. Loring, two companies, 2d Dragoons; one com-of the Mounted Rifles, who only re-pany, 2d Art.; one company of 2d Colo.

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picket. The rebels opened with a few cannon shots, doing no damage. On the morning of the 21st they moved up the river, still on the opposite or eastern side. Leaving a few troops in the fort, Col. Canby put our forces in motion also up the river on the western side. At a wide bottom called "Valverde" we crossed over. The Mexicans did not cross, but remained on the west bank. We formed line of battle, threw

Use Without Operation, Pain, Danger or Loss of Time.

bank. We formed line of battle, threw out skirmishers and advanced. The Texans were found posted behind long.

ow sand ridges. As soon as we came

within range a brisk skirmish fire was kept up for some time. While on this

kirmish line I looked back across the

river, and saw the bluffs covered with fleeing Mexicans. They melted away as dew before the morning sun, but we did not feel their loss.

The recall was sounded, our lines

were rearranged with two 12-pound cannon on our right and a battery of

four mountain howitzers on our left, commanded by Capt. McRae. Co. F. 7th U. S., was ordered to their support.

nto battle with 60 men, and 18 of the were killed on the field or died hours after, 19 were wounded (ma

whom never got well), and two t

missing, making a less of 39 out of 60

the less was not nearly so great in the other parts of the field, but by our holding to our gurs as we did we saved out little force from total annihilation There was but one man in Co. F with-

out a bullet mark on his clothes or per-

of truce demanding a surrender of the fort. This was refused. They said they would take our fort as they old our bat-

But they evidently thought better of it They moved up the river, capturing Al-

bungerque, and were on the march for Fort Union, in the northeastern part of the Territory, when they were met by the two regiments of Colorado volun-teers—Lewis F. Roe, Co. F, 7th U. S.,

New York During Draft Riots.

a dozen companies) were sent directly to Virginia. The other companies, gath-

ered in New York City and eastern New York, followed as rapidly as they could be pushed forward. Thus it was that

Co. G, of which I was First Lieutenant, was started in New York City for Vir-

rinia, and marched as far as Court-inia, and marched as far as Court-andt street ferry, where we were halt-id and turned back by orders of Gen. Yood, then commanding, because he ested our aid to suppress the riots thich had that day broken out in New York City.

The drafting of men for milliary duty

se made the extensible extens for the store outbreak by all the rough ele-ent, and as that class was largely en-

corneed by unscrupulous anti-Admin-tration demagnes that claimed that

he she made and several were using to, lamp posts. One or two asclums for solared people in the upper part of the city were burned by the risters, the mak's venguance and blind wrath being

the strength of the regre because of this tributing to him as the cause of the xi-ting war and the consequent draft.

The first night we of Co. G indged on the ball floors of the Fifth Avenue

eeks patroling the city and drilling. Here we were supplied with equipments

feet upon the stone pavement

and horses and mounted. The people

made by my marching detachment

houses were kept carefully closed and darkened. The opening of window blinds a block ahead of us was made

for observation to learn what all the racket was about. It was a unique

spectacle. Doubtless the noise quite

to others gave assurance of safety and

rest. The sight of Government cavalry

and dismounted drill and saber exerand dismounted drill and saber exer-cises in Madison Avenue Park on Brondway quite naturally attracted a throng of observers, which lined the fences which then inclosed the park.

Other companies of troops, infantry

f the city, and there was considerable

ent, resulting in some being killed d many wounded. Business was

and cavalry, were located in other parts

fighting done with the more lawless ele-

largely suspended. Ladies and children

remained behind locked doors and cov-ered windows of their homes. The tene-

ment-house region, notably on the east

and Second avenues, was in a state of

ferment, the men, of course, at home

I was sent with a dozen soldiers in

hat region to find and bring a truant soldier from my company, and found

the streets and sidewalks packed with

en and women and every door and

indow in every block crowded full by window in every block crowded full by them. All were unfriendly to the sol-diers and all were sulien. Each had some weapon concealed, or, like the women, carried cobblestones in their

where we halted to look for the soldler evidently thought we had come to take

that the man was sick and disabled. We returned without him. That was a

very dangerous, threatening crowd to

be in under those circumstances. A mere spark, so to speak, would have exploded the throng, and we would all

Those who were at the point

ands.

Peninsula.

division took another swim.

city, in the vicinity of First

the heart of the city, the mounted

aroused the people a block in advance of our approach. At that period all the

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on, the negros were hunted down

Editor National Tribune: When the 13th N. Y. Cav. was organized in the Spring and Summer of 1563, partly in western New York, the first part thaif

with revolvers and bowl

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Fun at Beaver Dam Station,

chain restricted in the Wilderness Camgu new running in The National
large, especially the Sheridan raid in
restrict Lee's army. The 10th N. Y.
c. was in it all. I can hear to this. Singing the army songs of Freedom. pile of muskets about four feet and 12 feet long that the rebels out to the rear after capturing in the battle at the Wilderness? roud we were on, and were set on and burned up by our boys. A great ny of them had loads in them, and are was a regular Fourth of July debration while they burned. I did it take the pains to go to the other the domina le of the pile to see if they had bayoo them. Among the several hunfred prisoners we recaptured at Beav-er Dam were several Zonaves, which are earthly beys took turns in riding on horger when we resumed our march of the James River, where we joined infler's army. With their bright red informs they looked as gay and happy a cur horses as red-headed woodpeckers on the treaters. I met eight of the 6th N. Y. Cav. at the Encampment at the Lake last year, including Capt. The Lake last year, including Capt. The Michigan). We called on Mrs. Bliss at the Michigan headquarters and held a pleasant Reunion. The first comrade I not at the New York headquarters proved to be a 10th N. Y. cavalryman. I mixed his name, and was surprised in he said it was Serg't Al Coburn, To A. The last time I saw him he lving on a stretcher near City Point, (about three days after Lee sur-dered), where they were loading on who were wounded on a boat to

At Port Republic.

take them to a hospitul near Washing-tuo. He now lives at Grand Junction. Colo.—Warren W. Irish, Co. B, 10th N. Y. Cay., Bolse, Idahe.

Editor National Tribune: Comrade hadle's article in defense of Shields makes some errors. I was one of Fremont's army that fought thru the Shen-andoah Valley in the Spring of 1862 as far as Port Republic. I thought then that we were fighting "Stonewall" Jacka half floors of the camp alison Avenue Park, in front of solid, where we remained two spatroling the city and drilling, we were supplied with equipments are well as a speech to 60,000 of his army, etc. Fremont had only 30,000, and whoever was in command of the people of the command of the comma and horses and mounted. The people who had homes in the residential regions were in a state of great alarm over the duly ourrages of the mob. Families were in a state bordering on terror.

I will always remember the nightly patrols in the silent streets up town, where the musual clatter of the cavalry Johnnies after they got over. I was on the advance or skirmish line from Cross Keys to Port Republic, or, rather, to the river, as the town was on the oppo-site side from us. When we got there the bridge had all burned and fell, and he rear of the rebel army was getting out of the town, so all we could do was quicken their steps with a few vol-ys. Comrade Shadle may have everyning down correct, but I'll bet a whole de of sowbelly that Stonewall Jackson and not Lee, was in command of the Confederates in the Valley at the time -John W. Page, Co. I, 60th ohlo, Luther, Iowa.

A Young Man Who Fought.

In the Autumn of 1861, while a memper of the 3d Me., a young Lieutenant, who had been wounded, was brought nto the hospital, where I was taking eare of a sick comrade, Frank D. Pul-en, now Col. Pullen, of Bangor. This This Lieutenant had been out upon a recon-noissance, and in the cut of a road had been fired upon. He had received eight wounds, and when brought into hospital was unconscious. I ve cered to take care of him as well as my teered to take care of him as well as my sick comrade. He was Second Lieut. Hugh J. Janeway, 1st N. J. Cav., Jersey City, N. J., and was 18 years of age. He recovered and returned to duty. He declined a number of promotions on account of youth, and was wounded 13 times during the war, and was killed a Amelia Springs, Va., then at the head of his regiment, at which time he was Colonel, just before Lee surrendered at Appointation. He could not have been much above 21 years of age at the date of his death—H. N. Fairbanks, Second Lieutenant, Co. E. 39th Me., Bangor,

At Rocky Gap, W. Va.

Editor N. tional Tribune: I saw in The National Tribune the announce-ment of the death of Maj. Tony Gibson, 14th Pa. Cav. I knew him well. He be in under those circumstances. A mere spark, so to speak, would have exploded the throng, and we would all have been instantly killed. We had not dismounted. It was one of the few times in my life when I was really frightened.—Chas. Brewster, 709 West 10th street, Kansas City, Mo.

A German Waltz Did It.

Peter Eichele, Jersey City, N. J., says left there with only one man, and he Peter Eichele, Jersey City, N. J., says that he thinks it was in March, 1862, when the Army of the Potomac moved and the cry was "On to Richmond." His regiment, the 39th N. Y., was in camp at a place called Hunter's Chapel, Va. Part of the army went down to the child the regiment of the army went down to the child the regiment of the army went down to the child the regiment of the army went down to the child the regiment of the army went down to the child the regiment of the army went down to the child the regiment and use our carbines. I was left there with only one man, and he could not fire his early for he was with the dismounted men were. Part of the army went down to the shot off their horses all along the road.

Peninsula. The German Division There must have been some unseen marched to Centerville over the old hand that protected me thru that storm marched to Centerville over the old Bull Run battlefield and thru the Shen-andoah Valley. When they came to the Shenandoah River, about 15,000 or 20,000 strong, they waded across, and then marched on in the sun and dust in wet uniforms. After we had crossed the river several times a howl came, The 39th N. Y., which was in advance, refused to wade over again. This brought the whole division to a standwaded into the middle of the river and played a German waltz. That settled it. A roar of fun followed, and the whole division took another swim. volley, I jumped up and made a second

run and got thru without a scratch.
If I had stayed at the barricade I would
be dead and buried away down in Dixle
now. Poor Pete was taken prisoner now. Poor Pete was taken prisoner
ext day, and I hear he died from the
mputation of his leg at White Sulphur
Springs, W. Va. Comrade Lewis W.
Moore is the first man from the old
14th that I have heard of for a long
time.—William A. R. Davis, Corporal,
Co. G, 14th Pa. Cav., Harwick, Iowa.

A Post Song.

Comrade J. Allison Coe, Commander, Post 7, of Chicago, Ill., writes that he believes that it is most desirable that the remaining veterans of the Union rally around their respective Posts, as well as the Flag, and that the they may not shout the "Battle Cry of Free-dom" more, they may still sing the old army songs. Comrade Coe believes that they are answering the call for the long, long march at the rate of a full regiment every 10 days, and that they should therefore take more interest in Memorial Day and all patriotic work. He sends in a reconstructed song, as he terms it, which he thinks will make a good rallying song for both Memorial and Flag Day, and which is really very

Yes, we'll rally around the Post, boys, We'll rally once again, Singing the army songs of Freedom. The Grand Army is our boast, boys, Thru sorrow, joy or pain, Singing the army songs of Freedom.

Cherus-Glory forever, Hurrah, boys, Hurrah! Old The veterans' endeavor retained every

star. So we'll rally around the Flag, boys, Rally once again, Singing the army songs of Freedom.

It is hailed in every land, boys, It waves on every sea, Singing the army songs of Freedom, It stands for peace and right, boys, The hope of liberty, Editor National Tribune: I am very Singing the army songs of Freedom.

the old axes and sledges pounding Let us keep their memory bright engines to pieces at Beaver Dam. While they sleep beneath the dew, Do any of the boys remember Singing the army songs of Freedom.

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